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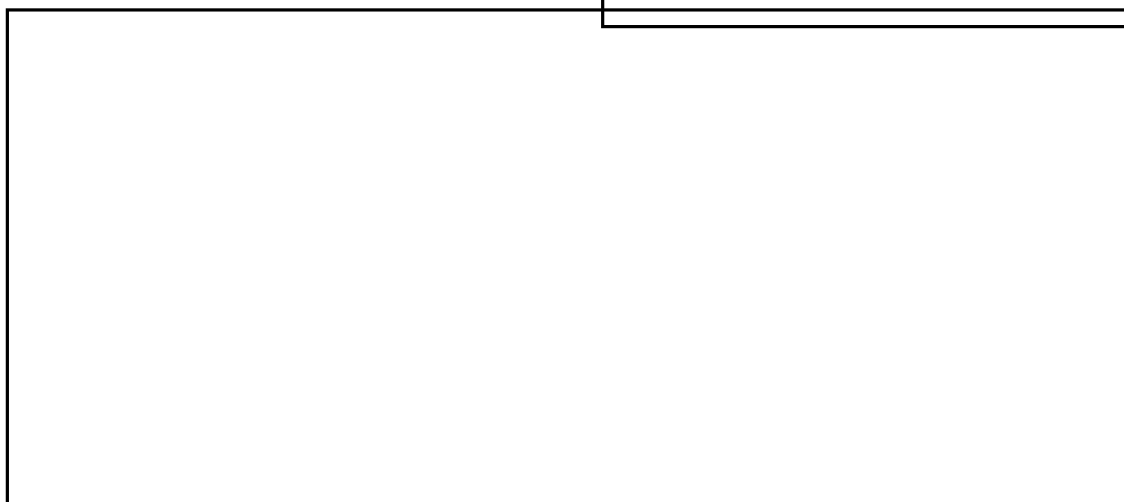
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CANADA - COMMUNIST CHINA: OTTAWA AND PEKING  
HAVE NARROWED THEIR DIFFERENCES OVER ESTABLISHING  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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THE SESSION OF THE RECOGNITION TALKS IN STOCKHOLM  
LAST WEEK WAS MARKED BY A "MORE TRUE NEGOTIATING"  
ATMOSPHERE THAN HAD PREVAILED IN EARLIER MEETINGS.  
A CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER IN WASHINGTON, WHO GAVE  
THE INFORMATION TO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, EX-  
PLAINED THIS AS "GIVE-AND-TAKE HAGGLING" OVER THE  
WORDING OF A CANADIAN MINUTE THAT ATTEMPTS TO GLOSS  
OVER THE QUESTION OF PEKING'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER TAIWAN.

THE HANDLING OF THE TAIWAN ISSUE HAS BEEN THE  
MAJOR OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS AT THE TALKS. AT THIS  
POINT, PEKING APPARENTLY PREFERS TO LEAVE CANADA'S  
POSITION ON THE ISLAND'S STATUS AMBIGUOUS. THE CHI-  
NESE NEGOTIATOR TOLD HIS CANADIAN COUNTERPART THAT  
A JOINT STATEMENT RECOGNIZING PEKING'S SOVEREIGNTY  
OVER TAIWAN WAS "UNNECESSARY."

THE CANADIAN RESPONDED THAT, IF THE QUESTION OF  
TAIWAN IS IGNORED IN A FINAL COMMUNIQUE, OTTAWA WOULD  
WANT TO RELEASE A STATEMENT NOTING THAT IT HAS NOT  
ENDORSED CHINESE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO THE ISLAND.

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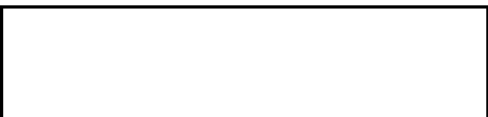
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